

UNPUBLISHED HISTORY CONCERNING THE WAR

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and good offices of President George Ohio Railway Company.) .

promised that "if Virginia would stand firm and not secode she would not be called upon to furnish aid in coercing worn statesmen, who loved their counserved. This touching scene was related to me not only by ex-Governor Samuel Price, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, who was a distinguished mem-ber of the committee, but also by his eldest daughter and the daughter Mr. Carrington, the proprietor of that noted hostelry, who sat in the joining west parlor and witnessed the whole proceeding through the parting It was agreed at the same time that able means to bring back the seconing States, and thus have the effect of preventing others from leaving the

General Campbell returned to Washhis report that afternoon to Mr Lin President seemed greatly pleased at the succeer of his mission." His Secretary of State, Mr. William H. Seward. and one other prominent member of his Cabinet, heard that same evening what had been done. They immediately called at the White House and violently made or any other. They sat up late that night and eventually induced the President to disregard the agreement which had been made, and on Sunday morning, April 16th, he issued that never to be forgotten order calling for 75,000 volunteers, not only to march across Virginia, to make war on her sister States, but demanded that she

that unexpected death blow Pandemonium reigned throughout Virginia and the entire South. Thus the Mother of States and statesmen was states. The Governer took the more Prisoner that there were many, very which she had aided in establishing Legislature. When he arrived at wooden nutmegs who really sympawhich she had aided in establishing with the blood of her patriots. This occurred on Monday, April the 17th, at 4:15 o'clock P. M. The civilized world knows and has felt the result. These heavy headed statement who Melvie met him at the department of the statement who may be the first the statement who world not her patriots. This staunton Hon. Sandy Stuart, who had been President Buchanan's Secretary in their gallant and heroic struggle for independence, and who did not hesitate to manifest that sympathy by the statement who world not head and the statement who would not head and the statement who would not head and the statement who was a statement who would not head and the statement who was a statement who was a statement when the statement who had been president statement who had been president and the statement who had been president who had been president statement who had been president statement who had been president w

be saved, now wept bitter tears of dis-

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(The interesting article following appointment. It has been stated that at the time the vote was taken there was not a dry eye in the Convention.

States rights was bred in the bone of all Southerners. They believed they had the right to peaceably withdraw from the Union when the Federal gov-south Carolina seceded December

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Frament refused to pretect their person Mr. Linguin son and property. Even Mr. Lincoin endorsed this doctrine in his speech in Congress in 1848. The New England

on. I dismounted, handed bim the He was a good raconteur, and used to quickly stepped out of the dust, and ment of his hearers, to perfection, broke the seal with trembling hands. Having heard him relate it not long The whole country was terribly excit- before his death, I urged him to write ed. Dire rumors of destruction and it out and have it published. He hesideath were being circulated. We were tated because he was afraid that his fearful that Grant's and Lee's terms Dutch might not be perfect, but I and of surrender would not be indersed by those who were present on that occathe United States government. We sion so urged and encouraged him that knew that Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet, espe- he did write it out and have it pubcially Secretaries Stanton and Seward, lished in the Economist, a paper pubwere very bitter and uncompromising lished in Elizabeth City, towards the South, and that they had a which he was a native. He sent me a remarkable influence over the Prest- copy, and I find it pasted in my scrapdent. It was reported by marauding book, and I think it worthy of a wider bands of Federal cavalry, claiming to circulation than it has ever had, and be gathering up Federal property, re- besides, I am glad to do honor to the gardless' of whether it was branded memory of a gailant Confederate. people to come back and hang up quarters were "in the saddle." When their hats on the same peg they hung them on before the war."

should furnish her full quota of troops lop, arriving after sundown. He got to help do it. This declaration of Civil a hasty lunch, a fresh horse, and rode struck Richmond like a clap of all night thirty-nine miles to Jackson der out of a clear sky.

River Depot, now Clifton Forge. The thunder out of a clear sky.

All the powers of earth could not old Virginia Central Railroad, now the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, had those, who, during the early period of been completed only that far west at our "late unpleasantness," were so for-

Though he was sixty years old, we



could, he handed me a large official confederate service as Captain of Com-envelope. I went as fast as my horse pany A. Eighth North Carolina Regi-ferings of those whom they were posed of fine of the most promited care posed to seession. General Campbell could carry mes I found the Govbatted the object of his mission and ernor at his barn cleaning wheat in an tenant-colonel, and was afterwards commissioned as colonel of the Sixtyshowed his authority from Mr. Lincoln old-fashioned windmill, with two neto treat with the Convention. He gro men assisting him. He had resurrected two sacks of wheat which his was captured at Butler's Bridge, near relative faithful servants had buried under the Hamilton, N. C., on or about December harn floor to keep body and som to- 13, 1864. (See Clark's North Carolina rebel prisoners. This order, as might

> asked fo what command they belonged, some of them, not very familiar with the English language, replied, "Me returned to Lewisburg in a rapid gal- fight mit Sigel, but me run mits Pope," WM. W. OLD. Norfolk Va

BY JAMES W. HINTON.

It will be remembered by many of the beginning of the War Between the tunate as to acquire the title of "Rebel

pleased to stigmatize as made complaint to Secretary Stanton, to the effect that no one other than ; the States which had done so." When this announcement was made, its effect the was electrical. Old, gray-headed, care-hide what little was left to subsis. In the states which had done so." When the occupancy of the this announcement was made, its effect the prisoners. This order, as might keep the expected, for a short while, was electrical. Old, gray-headed, care-hide what little was left to subsis. In the ladies, heaven who level the ladies, heaven the ladies, heaven the ladies of the ladies, heaven the ladies of lief business. But the ladies, beaven bless them, who are always foremost But the ladies, heaven south statement, who loved their countries, named in the relate the incident which is recorded in deeds of benevolence, and never south, embraced each other and wept message from President Lincoln." He in the paper inclosed, to the annuest deed to the voice of suffering, soon discovered, in some way or other, that vot say dat I release der brisners acthey had a good many brothers and cordin to der dime vot dey pe capture, uncles and nephews and cousins languishing in sanguinity, they began to write let- mine brudder go home mit me; und substantial clothing and wholesome Bresident no more gif enny brocla-food; and, by the way, they would mashun vhatefer; but den I say von sometimes manage, "by hook or crook," to smurgle in a bottle or two of real old London Dock. Under this veel you let me see mine brudder? of real old London Dock. Under this veel you let me see hime brudder; what while, became almost as general as it was before Stanton issued his huty work in the work of tener, arter a say yes, you see your crouder; what know were som at auction.

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You ish his name, und 1 galls der er boas to-day, "Going! Gone:

S, or not, that we would be ban- whose descendants still reside in the Yankees captured a portion of Gen-U. S. or not, that we would be banished from our impoverished homes,
imprisoned or "shot on the spot." As
Governor Price read this letter, his
eyes began to sparkle, and bright
smiles lightened up his pleasant face,
and handing it to me he said: "Coleman, good news," Turnthe quickly to one of his servants he

Whose descendants still reside in the
city of Norfols. I have no doubt Mr.
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baper, und I dels him to go to Lieuto the Old Capitol Prison in Washingto the Old Capitol Prison in Wash man, good news, good news!" Turning guickly to one of his servants he said: "Sam, saddle my horse quickly." Though it has been over forty-five years ago, that letter is indelibly engraved on my mind, and I repeat it graved on my all private soldiers. On their arrival looks bittiful shus when her brudder Thomas and Miss Tarleton, and that

Patch Isle." i. e. Fort Delaware, their names were obtained and published in the ——, of which I presume our young heroine was a regular reader. I will withhold the name of the news-paper for fear that if I reveal it the distoyal editor thereof might be prosecuted for treason against "the best government the world ever saw."

The young actress singled out one from the number and addressed him a short note in these words;

My Dear Brother,-By the merest

Your affectionate sister.

human sympathy, came a proclama- soul.

Vateriant and cooms to dis koonthry, lace been the I boots on a shmile on mine face and 1801 there was also a John Fleming father of Charles (2) Fleming, who makes one pow so bolite as vot Sherman nefer did pefore, and I sheaks to her, und say, mine goot lady, shust del me vot I can do fer you. Und den she luke at me so purty as nefer vas, und say, O, sheneral, you haf mine brudder here von brisner of var; I vant you to durn mine brudder loose und let him go home mit me.

I say vhen was your brudder cap-She say, I dinks he pe capture apout der last Shannevery vot comes in dis year. I say den your brudder no go home mit you now, pecause der Bresident, he issue der broclamashun und I no violate der Bresident of ruishing in Northern prisons, and der broclamashun. Und den she say to under the generous promptings of con- me von more dime, Oh sheneral, do let ters to their imprisoned relatives, and dat dime she luke like she vos so purty to send them boxes containing good, as dat I almost dinks I vish der by more dime, your brudder no go home nane order.
In the month of January, 1865, the gosporal vot bees in mine office, and I cooms in der room. She sthare at him Thomas and Miss Tarleton, and that the minudes pefore she sbeak von John Fleming, Earl of Wigton, and his word, and den she boorst out gryin, wife, Lady Lillias Graham, daughter und vept like von liddle prook; und of the Earl of Montrose. she und her brudder dey hugged und gissed vonanudder; und den mit a des-berate gonfusion und a gry of de-exactly plain, but from this stately spaid she fell down in schwoonin rite earl-the line runs clear to William on der vloor. Und vhen I see her jayin Fleming, 1199. William had Sir Malon der vloor, Chi vhed I see her sayli Fleming, 1135. Whilall had on der vloor, so shbeachless, so awfool colm (2), sheriff of Dumbarton, who onearthly, so unbeschreiblich gastly, died in 1246, and had Robert (3) Fleming. pefore; und I runs out of der room und created Earl of Wigton. Robert (3) accident I saw your name, among I gits der prandy mit der varter, und had Patrick (1), who married the others, published in the column of the I cooms pack agin, und I rubs her, and daughter of Sir Simon Frases, and had others, published in the column of the I cooms pack agin, and I rubs her, and daughter of Sir Simon Frasek, and day

this morning, as a prisener of I rubs her, and I rubs her till pimeby sir Malcolm (5), who had Sir David (6),
war, on the way from the Old Capi- she cooms to, and den der fust ding you who had Malcolm (7), who married not give A. W. S. any additional evitol prison to Fort Delaware. But for sh say to me ish: Oh, Shenderal, do Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke of

you need in the way of food, money as vot I say dot vert you more dime or clothing. Your wants shall be sup-down on her vloor; und I dinks maye she bees deat und gone to heafen.

Boot den I gets der prandy mit der varter agin, und dis dime I rubs her so And assuming, for the time being much more hard as vot I did pefore, the surname of her new-found brother, she signed the letter and mailed it to to agin, und dat dime chen she luke dat pefore it was long vhile shee cooms opp at me I see der great pig dears in his arrival at this hospitable retreat and delightful watering place, he received his "sister's" letter, and his surprise when he opened and read it may prise when he opened and read it may be prize when h her purdy plue eyes, und she exchlaim; be better imagined than expressed vas Und den I exclaim, oh mien Got in He had never received such a letter Heafen! vot shall I do? Der vomans before, and knew nothing of this ingenious method of circumventing Stanton's malignity. He was quite sure he had no sister in Yankee land; no, not whatefer: I wish I was no Sheneral viatefer: I wish I was von tam brivate; had no sister in Yankee land; no, not even a second cousin, and he was much disposed to treat the whole thing as a cruel hoax. He ventured, however, to show the letter to one of the old habitues, who explained the whole matter to him, and advised him, by all means, violate der broclamashun of der bresito answer the letter at once. He did dent. Shus at dat momend, and at so, whereupon a correspondence en- vonce, an idea cooms from mire un so, whereupon a correspondence en-sued that proved profitable to him and loocky sthar, und I say to her vowams, agreeable to his fair benefactress. The you dakes your brudder und you goes agreeable to his fair benefactress. The you dakes your brudger and you goes soldier was a well-educated young Virginian, who managed to make his letters very interesting to the young der vorld, und she dakes her brudder. actress.

Time wore on and the Confederacy wore out, and with the loss of the noblest and most righteous cause that he cooms roomin in mine office so fast ever evoked human effort or enlisted like der teufelcher he shase a doctor's Und he was laughtn so much und tion from President Johnson, releasing so lout as you I nefer hert him laugh from imprisonment all prisoners below pefore. Und I say you for you laughin, from imprisonment all prisoners below the rank of major, upon condition the they took the oath of allegiance to the government of the United States. But the prisoners were to be released according to the date of their capture.

her she must meet me there.

Is she coming? Lift the curtain—let
me see the failing light;
Oh, I want to see her! Surely she will
come to-night.

Surely, ere the daylight dieth I will
fold her to my breast;
With her head upon my bosom I could
calmly sink to rest.
It is hard to die without her. Look—
I think she's coming now,
I can almost feel her kisses on my
faded cheek and brow.
I can almost hear her whisper—feel
her cheek upon my cheek.
Hark! I hear the front door open. Is
she coming? Did she speak?
No? Well, drop the curtain softly, I
will see her face no more
Till I see it smiling on me on tho
bright and better shore.
Tell her she must come and meet mo
in that Eden land of light;
Tell her I'll be waiting for her whe of
there is no death, no night.
Tell her that I called her darling—
blessed her with my dying
breath,
Come and kiss me for my Lizzie, tell

Come and kiss me for my Lizzle, tell her love outliveth death.

ONE OF "RIFLES"

VERY MUCH ALIVE

The following letter will be read with interest by many Richmond veterans, coming as it does from a former resident of Newport News, who is now a resident of Texas, but still keeps in touch with his old home:

"Georgetown, Tex., March 24, 1911. "To the Times-Herald, Newport News, "I was truly grieved to read in the Hampton Department of your paper of date March 25, a copy of which was sent me by my sister, the death of

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o hat a distinct and interesting char- Robert, Burgess for Caroline in 1738. acter was the country auctioneer! His Goochland in 1737. He married Handicum of truth and eloquence. He was the "wag" of the community, and enthe "wag" of the community, and en-tirely indispensable at all of the "ven-tion in 1776. Charles (4), lieutenantexpatiate on the excellence of the artiflow was anything handed down? For as soon as there was a death there was an inventory and a vendue, and constantly, even to this day, one is intro-(4). John (4) was Burgess for Cumduced to a fine piece of furniture bought at Mr. So-and-So's sale, And and had John (5). this sale was an occasion! People came from distances as to a frolic, and went home decked with the trophies favor, too great for this almost irreverent ing apparently to do with those of mabilieity of the dead man's belongings. Gloucester, but one name suggests the John Randolph's dinner table and General Nelson's silver coffee urn we

The links between John, of New I was so bad shkare vat I nefer vas supporter of Robert Bruce, who was you let mine brudder go home mit me; and Albany. He had Lord Robert'(8), who field has been carefully threshed.

und 1801 there was also a John Fleming who von in the county, possibly the son of again is hazy. Some say he married again is hazy. Some say he married Susannah Tarleton, but it is not certain, the certainly had John (3) and Susannah (3), and probably Judith, who married Thomas Randolph, and who married Thomas Randolph, and the married Susannah (3), and probably Judith, who married Thomas Randolph, and the married Susannah (3), and probably Judith, who married Thomas Randolph, and the married Susannah (3), and probably Judith, who married Thomas Randolph, and the married Susannah (3), and probably Judith, who married Susannah (3), and probably S nah Bates, and his will mentions John (4), who was captain First Regiment ton in 1776. Charles (4), lieutenant-colonel Continental Troops, Third Virginia Regiment; Thomas (4), of the Ninth Virginia Continental Troops William ried William Bernard, and Caroline berland 1759-1767, married Susannah, Any member of this family who will send us supple mentary details will do us a great

The New Kent Flemings have noth-

other. The Flemings of Virginia seemed to have used no arms; at least there are none recorded in "Virginia Heraldica." In 1697 Joseph Coleman took up 314 acres. There are Colemans Gloucester now, but can they trace to Joseph? The name is also freused as a baptismal name. quently Were the Colemans, of and Halifax and Mecklenburg, of

this stock? If any of our readers can help us in the following dilemma, we shall ap-

preciate it: "Beverly Harrison Randolph., born in Virginia, 1795, died in Bossier Par-ish, Louisiana, 1866. Married Marie-Bullifant in Richmond in 1820. Children: Mary Henry, married Robert Me-Creight, in Camden, South Carolina; John, died in infancy, and two children as babies; Edward Graves Randolph, born in Winnsborous Carolina, on July 4, 1829, Mary, Esther Thompson, October 5,

Randolph, who married Miss Buillifant? "Beverly Harrison Randolph's father owned and lived on a plantation on the James River, near Richmond, call-

Who was the father of Bever

ed. I think, Sturgeon's Point and adjoined 'Westover.'